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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of June 29, 2004, the response for which is extended to December 29, 2004. A three-month request for extension of time to file is filed concurrently herewith.

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